

HOUSE BILL 2479
By Bowers

AN ACT relative to creating the "Job Survival Skills Training Program" as a pilot project within the department of health, alcohol and drug abuse services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. (a) There is created within the department of health, alcohol and drug abuse services, a pilot project to be known as the "Job Survival Skills Training Program".

(b) The project shall be implemented in the county in this state having the largest population of alcohol and drug dependent citizens and shall be administered through a not-for-profit community-based, licensed residential and outpatient treatment facility for the chemically dependent located in such county which has been established specifically to treat alcoholics and other chemically dependent individuals.

(c) The Job Survival Skills Training Program (JSSTP) shall be designed as a three (3) year pilot project to assist the clients treated at such facility in developing the necessary job skills needed to seek and maintain gainful employment in today's job market.

(d) The JSSTP shall include, but not be limited to, courses in adult basic education, job readiness/human relations and business communication. The program shall be designed to offer more advanced clients the opportunity to attend classes to prepare them to take the GED. All training courses shall be conducted at the treatment facility by employees of the facility during the twenty-eight (28) day rehabilitation program offered at the treatment facility.

(e) On or before April 1, 1997, and on April 1 thereafter during the period of the pilot project, the facility administering the JSSTP shall report to the governor and to the general assembly the status of the pilot project and shall at a minimum include in its report:

- (1) The number of clients who participated in the program;
- (2) The number of clients who completed courses enabling such persons to take the GED as well as those successfully passing such test;
- (3) The number of clients who successfully attained gainful employment after participating in the program;
- (4) The number of clients who, having participated in the program, returned for additional treatment at the facility; and
- (5) Any other information, including recommendations for changing or expanding the number or types of courses included in the JSSTP, which would be helpful to the governor and the general assembly in determining the success of the pilot project.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall be subject to a specific appropriation included in the general appropriations act for the 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 fiscal years.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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